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I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

I'LL BLOW THAT HOUSE DOWN!

STAND BACK, FOLLO.

EXCUSE ME?

CHAPTER 122: EXPLOSION

WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

HUH?

GRIT

...!

...

I SHOVED ASIDE MY FEELINGS OF INFERIORITY...

I ADMITTED MY OWN MIS-TAKES...

I TRIED TO LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE AND BE POSITIVE.

ALL SO I COULD STOP BEING SUCH A CRAPPY LOSER!

RUDO! COULD YOU TELL ME THE SECRET TO BEING A GIVER?

I THOUGHT **YOU** WERE DIFFERENT...

I **WANTED** TO THINK YOU WERE DIFFERENT.

WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING—

I MADE COMPROMISES, I DID WHATEVER I COULD TO MEET YOU WHERE YOU WERE...

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE PART OF THE FACELESS MOB!!

BUT IT WILL NEVER GET THROUGH TO YOU.

YOU'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND.

GAH, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO DISCUSS THIS!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

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SERI-OUSLY, WHAT ARE YOU...

FACE-LESS MOB ...?

I TOLD YOU TO STAND BACK!

BUT!! I KNOW YOU CAN'T BEAT A TRASH BEAST IF YOU'RE NOT A GIVER, OKAY! I GET THAT!

DOES THAT MEAN I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO FIGHT AT ALL?!!

AND WHY SHOULD I STAND BACK, HUH?!!

OF SMILING THROUGH THIS DAMN INFERIORITY COMPLEX ...!!

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING TREATED LIKE A TAG-ALONG!

GETTING HEADS SO BIG THEY CAN'T SEE PAST THEIR OWN NOSE AND LOOKING DOWN ON THE REST OF US!!

OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU...

I'M SO DAMN TIRED OF IT!!

WHEN DID I GET A BIG HEAD?

...LOOK DOWN ON ANY-BODY?

WHEN DID I...

IF YOU HAVE TO HAVE DELUSIONS THAT EVERYONE IS OUT TO GET YOU, DON'T TAKE THEM OUT ON ME, OKAY?

HA!

DELUSIONS?! USE YOUR TINY BRAIN TO REMEMBER HOW YOU'VE BEEN TREATING ME.

AND **THEN** YOU CAN DECIDE IF I'M REALLY DELUSIONAL, OKAY?

WHAT ARE YOU IDIOTS DOING?!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED MORE ABOUT HOW TO READ PEOPLE!!

IT'S WHAT ALL OF THE CLEANERS HAVE BEEN DOING FOR YOU! AUTOMATICALLY!!

BUZZ

WHAM

SO WHAT DID I DO TO YOU?! HUH?!

TELL ME WHAT I DID!!

THAT WHENEVER YOU MAKE A MESS, SOMEBODY ALWAYS HAS TO CLEAN IT UP!!

BUT YOU NEED TO REALIZE!

YEAH, THAT'S WHAT GUYS USUALLY SAY WHEN THEY'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH RUNNING THEIR MOUTHS OFF THEIR WHOLE LIFE!!

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST SAY WHAT YOU MEAN IN THE FIRST PLACE?!!

YOU BLOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND NOW YOU WANT ME TO READ YOU?!

OH, I KNOW YOUR PAST!!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY PAST?!!

...WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!!

YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A DESPAIR I'VE NEVER KNOWN, RIGHT?!

AND YOU KEPT GOING, EVEN THROUGH YOUR PAIN, DIDN'T YOU?!

YOU WERE DROPPED ON THE GROUND AFTER BEING FRAMED FOR KILLING YOUR FATHER!

THE BRAVE LITTLE SPHEREITE WITH THE TRAGIC BACKSTORY!!

DOES THAT GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO TALK CRAP TO THOSE OF US WHO'VE LIVED NORMAL LIVES?!

BUT WHO GIVES A DAMN IF YOU HAVE A TRAGIC BACKSTORY?!

YOU'RE THE ONE... TALKING CRAP...

...TO ME...

YOU CAN USE YOUR MISERY AS A SHIELD AND ALL IS FORGIVEN?!!!

...IT'S YOU.

IF ANYONE'S USING THEIR LIFE AS A SHIELD TO LASH OUT...

FOLLO.

CHAPTER 123: TRUE COLORS

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KNOCK IT OFF!!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! THIS IS NO TIME TO BE FIGHTING AMONGST OURSELVES!!

I TOLD YOU TO KNOCK IT OFF!!!

RRRRAAA

AAAGGGH!

MY REALITY WHERE I CAN'T CHANGE A SINGLE DAMN THING!!

MY STUPID NOBODY PERSON-ALITY...

MY PATHETIC, MISERABLE LIFE.

...YOU WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND.

IF YOU HAVE SUCH "AMAZING POWERS"...

THEN USE 'EM TO GO BACK TO THE SPHERE AND GET OUT OF—

UGH!

RRRRAAAHHH!!!

SHOVE

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KA-

KLONG

WHAM

AWWW.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FIGHT EACH OTHER.

THE TRUE COLORS COME SHINING THROUGH.

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スカ…

RUMMAGE
CLANK

WAIT...

HOW DID THINGS TURN OUT LIKE THIS?

WE'RE HERE FOR RUDO'S FIRST JOB.

WE GOT INTO A FIGHT.

EVERYBODY'S BEEN THROWN OFF THEIR GROOVE.

AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF...

AUGH...

CLANG

SWOOSH

RUDO!!!

...!

...

...

...I'M SORRY!

RUDO...

NEXT TIME, I WON'T...

I WON'T MESS UP, I PROMISE.

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HGH!

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NOOO

CHAPTER 124: ME, TOO

HAA...

HAA...

YOU'RE SO FAST, FOLLO.

YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE HERE EVERY TIME.

YEAH, BECAUSE I CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY WITH YOU.

WE'D BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE IF THEY KNEW WE WERE GOING OUTSIDE TO PLAY IN THE SNOW.

THAT'S WHAT I SAID, TOO!

I SAID I WAS GOING TO A FRIEND'S HOUSE TO PLAY.

WHAT DID YOU TELL YOUR MOM WHEN YOU SNUCK OUT?

UGH, THAT GUY. NOW HERE I AM LYING TO MY MOM BECAUSE OF HIM.

"WE NEED TO PLAY OUTSIDE THIS WINTER!"

I KNOW, IT'S SO ANNOYING!

IF MY MOM FINDS OUT, SHE MIGHT KILL ME...

THEY SAY SNOW ONLY FALLS IN NORTH WARD.

SO WHEN WINTER COMES ALONG, THE NORTH WARD IS THE MOST DANGEROUS.

MY DAD SAYS, OF ALL THE PLACES ON THE GROUND, THIS ONE IS CLOSEST TO THE SPHERE.

BUT ALL OF THIS IS TOXIC.

IT'S SO PRETTY.

WE BETTER BE CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH IT.

OH!

YOU CAN WEAR MY SCARF, TOO.

HERE.

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OH, SORRY! LET ME GET CLOSER TO YOU!

UGH, WHAT IS TAKING THAT GUY SO LONG?

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SHIVER

BRR

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MMM...

NOM

WHOOSH

STOP THAT!!

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BLECH

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE TOXIC? I ATE IT AND NOTHING HAPPENED.

I JUST PROVED THAT IT DOESN'T KILL YOU.

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, ANYWAY?

I'M NOT DEAD.

THAT'S JUST SOME-THING THE GROWN-UPS SAY.

YOU CAN'T EAT SNOW! IT WILL KILL YOU!!

WHAT CAN I DO...?

CLENCH
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WHAT CAN I DO TO BE THAT COOL...?
DUDE, YOU'RE WEARING SHORT SLEEVES. AREN'T YOU COLD?
...
COME ON OUT HERE!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, FOLLO?!

TADAAH!!

I BROUGHT THE COOLEST THING TO SHOW YOU GUYS!

A HAMMER? ...

THE POLLUTED ZONE!!

UHHH... AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE?

YOU JUST GOT IT FROM YOUR DAD'S TOOLBOX.

NOT JUST ANY HAMMER! GUESS WHERE I GOT IT!

BZZZT, YOU'RE BOTH WRONG!!! THE ANSWER IS...

WHAT ?!

EVERYBODY'S SO SCARED OF THIS STUFF AND THEY'VE NEVER EVEN TRIED IT. THAT'S WHY I WENT. TO PROVE IT WON'T KILL YOU.

"DO THIS AND YOU'LL DIE," "DO THAT AND IT'LL KILL YOU."

AND...ONCE YOU'RE INSIDE, EVEN THE AIR CAN KILL YOU...

EVEN THE GROWNUPS NEVER GET ANYWHERE NEAR THAT PLACE!!

BUT THE POLLUTED ZONE IS DANGEROUS! THERE ARE MONSTERS THERE THAT EAT PEOPLE!

HUH? WHAT?

WELL... IT'S TRUE YOU'RE NOT DEAD...

...

I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE!!

?!

BUT DUDE!

AND THEN I GOT CHASED BY MONSTERS. I SERIOUSLY PEED MY PANTS.

BUT IT WAS SO HARD TO BREATHE, I COULDN'T EVEN MOVE.

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

I KNEW YOU NEED A MASK IN THE POLLUTED ZONE, SO I MADE SURE TO WEAR ONE.

AND PEED MY PANTS. THAT'S TRUE, TOO.

...AND WAIT! CHASED BY MONSTERS ?!!

YOU KNEW IT DIDN'T COVER YOUR NOSE OR MOUTH!!!

YOU WORE THAT MASK TO THE POLLUTED ZONE?!

BUT JUST THEN, THEY CAME TO MY RESCUE!

I THOUGHT I WAS DOOMED...

...I WAS SCARED. SCARED OF BEING ALONE. SCARED I WAS GONNA DIE.

THE CLEANERS!

THEY HAVE THESE PEOPLE WITH POWERS CALLED GIVERS, AND THEY USE THESE WEAPONS!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO AWESOME IN MY LIFE!!

THEY CAME UP AND IT WAS ALL LIKE WHOOSH!! POW!! SMASH!! AND THEY BEAT THE MONSTERS!

FOLLO! GUESS WHAT...

THAT'S WHEN I MADE UP MY MIND!

THE...

...CLEAN-ERS!...

I'M GONNA BE A GIVER AND JOIN THE CLEANERS!

WHAT CAN I DO TO BE THAT AWESOME...?

WHAT CAN I DO...

...TO REACH HIS LEVEL...?

SHIMMY

HEY, DON'T LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS!

NO, STUPID!! THE CLEANERS BEAT UP MONSTERS...

CLEANERS ARE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE TOWN ALL PRETTY, RIGHT?

...TO BE AWESOME SOMEHOW.

I WANT...

THAT'S WHAT I WANT.

SOME-THING I CAN DO, TOO!

...SOME-THING.

THERE'S GOTTA BE...

HEY, FOLLO. LONG TIME, NO SEE.

PRETTY MUCH THE SAME, I GUESS.

EXCEPT I DON'T WORK OUT...

YOU?

STUDYING, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, WORKING OUT.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

I WORK OUT... TO GET GIRLS.

...NO... THE CLEANERS IS THAT GUY'S THING.

SO YOU WORK OUT... ARE YOU TRYING TO BE A CLEANER, TOO?

HAVE YOU SEEN THAT GUY LATELY...?

...

DOES THAT REALLY WORK?

YOU NEVER WANT TO SEE ME UNLESS IT'S ABOUT HIM.

HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO GO TRAIN, THAT'S THE LAST I HEARD OF HIM.

...NOTHING. NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM.

HUH?

ERRRR

!!!

THEY SAID HE HAD A WEAPON– SOMETHING LIKE A LONG HANDLE!

I DON'T KNOW... BUT...

IS HE A GIVER ?!

HE'S JUST A KID, ALL ON HIS LONESOME!

AND HE GOT HIT–HE'S INJURED!!

HE HASN'T GIVEN UP YET?

NO, IT CAN'T BE.

NO.

FOLLO?!

GO ON WITHOUT ME!! RUN!!

CHAPTER 125: THE FATE OF THE FACELESS MOB

SFF

WHO'S THAT...?

I HATE TO BREAK IT TO SANTA, BUT HE'LL BE GIVIN' OUT GIFTS ON FOOT THIS YEAR.

I GOTTA SHOW 'EM WHAT I CAN DO.

KA-

SLASH

GRG
GRG
GRG

C'MON!
C'MON!
C'MON !!
C'MON !!
C'MON ...
C'MON ...!!
FWAM

GWHIRL

SHOONK

ZHOOM

...

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

NIIIICE WORK, NICE WORK!!

A FRESHLY MINTED GIVER, BUT ALREADY USING THAT VITAL INSTRUMENT LIKE A PRO!!

ALL YOUR HARD WORK AT THE TRAINING ACADEMY IS REALLY PAYING OFF, ZANKA!

WE'RE SUP-POSED TO BE OBSERV-ING THE NORTH WARD...

AND NOT ONLY DO YOU CLEAN UP A TRASH BEAST, BUT YOU MAKE THE TRAINEE DO IT. WHEN SEMIU FINDS OUT...

WHATEVER SHE DOES TO YOU, IT'S NOT MY FAULT...

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COME ON, GRIS, YOU SAW IT.

THE KID CLEANED UP THAT GINORMOUS TRASH BEAST ALL BY HIMSELF.

OUR ZANKA IS TOTALLY A FULL-FLEDGED CLEANER NOW.

WOOOOOOO!!!!

WHOA. WHAT?

WAAAAAAHHH!!!!

NO, DUDE. YOU'RE SCARING ME.

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STOMP

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NO, STAY AT MY INN!! FREE OF CHARGE!!

HEY, MR. CLEANER. COME HAVE DINNER AT MY RESTAU-RANT!!!

...

WE GOTTA THROW THEM THE BIGGEST WELCOMING PARTY!!!!

THE TRAINEE BEAT THAT MONSTER?! WHOA!!!

AND THE KID WHO BEAT THE TRASH BEAST IS A TRAINEE?

THE CLEANERS CAME TO HELP US!!

WAIT, THAT'S THE CLEANERS ...?!

...

I JUST ASSUMED.

I JUMPED TO CONCLU-SIONS...

...NO, I MEAN... OF COURSE IT WASN'T HIM.

MURMUR

IT WASN'T HIM...

MURMUR

IF IT WAS HIM, WHAT WAS I EXPECTING TO SEE...?

MURMUR

THE TRUTH IS...

I WANTED TO KNOW, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW.

WHATEVER THAT GUY'S DOING NOW,

WITH HIM GONE, I DIDN'T HAVE TO PANIC ABOUT HIM WIDENING THE GAP BETWEEN US.

I HAD BECOME DEPENDENT ON THE SENSE OF RELIEF THAT GAVE ME.

IF I SAW HIM AGAIN, AFTER HE'D GOTTEN EVEN FARTHER AHEAD...

...THEN I'D SEE THE DISPARITY. I'D KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH BETTER HE IS THAN ME.

TEP

TEP

I WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING BY SITTING AROUND.

THAT GUY'S PARENTS MIGHT KNOW WHERE HE IS.

I WANT...

I WANT TO BE BETTER THAN YOU!!

WHOOSH

SEEING HOW HARD HE TRIED ENCOURAGED ME. THAT'S A FACT, TOO.

...BUT.

I'M DONE WITH ALL THIS.

GO AWAY, FOLLO.

WHEN YOU'RE JUST PART OF THE FACELESS MOB, YOU'LL NEVER BE A GIVER, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY.

I CAN CARE ABOUT IT ALL I WANT, BUT THERE'S NO WAY IT WILL EVER RESPOND.

IT'S JUST A THING, AND I'M JUST A RANDOM NOBODY.

SQUIRM...

IT MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS FALLING BEHIND...

...THE SPARK IN YOUR EYES WHEN YOU GLARED AT ME...

GO BE A CLEANER BY YOUR-SELF, FOR ALL I CARE.

FOLLO.

WHEN ARE YOU GONNA STOP TAGGING ALONG AFTER ME?

I GOT AWAY FROM YOU, BUT I STILL WASN'T FREE FROM YOU...!

AND, GET LOST.

TAKE THAT PIECE OF JUNK WITH YOU.

I...

I JUST...

I WANTED TO BE A GOOD RIVAL FOR YOU, THAT'S ALL...

I WANTED US TO PROVE IT TOGETHER.

I WANTED TO SHOW THAT EVEN PEOPLE LIKE US...

...COULD BE SOMEBODY.

FOLLO
!!!

I WON'T LET IT END ITS EXISTENCE AS JUNK.

DON'T WORRY, RIVAL OF MINE.

BLEED

BLEED

...RUDO...

THIS IS MY TREA-SURE...

I WANT YOU TO USE IT.

AND RAN AS FAST AS I COULD. I DIDN'T CARE WHO WAS WATCHING.

I DASHED OUT OF HIS ROOM.

CHAPTER 126: ASK YOUR SOUL

DID I WANT TO MAKE HIS...TO MAKE OUR DREAM COME TRUE?

EXCUSE ME!!

NO.

I'LL DO ODD JOBS, I'LL DO ANYTHING...!!

SO PLEASE...

PLEASE LET ME BE IN THE CLEANERS!!

I DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THAT GUY.

THAT'S WHY.

AND HELD EVERYTHING IN.

AND HELD IT IN.

I HELD IT IN.

I LIVED MY LIFE SO THAT MY EMOTIONS WOULDN'T EXPLODE, NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAID TO ME.

I'M DONE WITH ALL THIS.

GO BE A CLEANER BY YOURSELF, FOR ALL I CARE.

BECAUSE THAT GUY'S WORDS AFTER HE EXPLODED...

...CARVED A RESOLVE IN MY HEART.

AND GET LOST.

TAKE THAT PIECE OF JUNK WITH YOU.

"DON'T LET ME END UP LIKE THAT GUY."

I'M SUCH A LOSER... AND I DID IT TO MYSELF...

RUDO...

BUT...

PLEASE, AT LEAST LET THIS GUY HAVE HIS MOMENT OF GLORY...

PLEASE...

BUT IN THE END...

...WHAT I DID WAS EVEN MORE PATHETIC.

HUFF

HUFF

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HUFF

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HUFF

LET ME GO, TAMSY!!

GRG GRG GRG GRG

KR-GRRGH

FOLLO IS...

HE NEEDS MY HELP...!!

GRG GRG GRG GRG

HNGH!

AND THEN HE FELL OFF THAT CLIFF...!

YOU SAW IT! THE TRASH BEAST HIT HIM HEAD-ON...

IT'S OKAY!

THEN THEY'LL ...

IF... IF THAT'S THE END...

IF ANYONE CAN HELP HIM NOW, IT'S RUDO!

RUDO WENT AFTER HIM!

...WE'RE NOT EXACTLY IN A POSITION TO WORRY ABOUT OTHERS!

BESIDES, IT LOOKS LIKE...

HON-ESTLY...

HA!

I'M NOT SURE HOW LONG I CAN HOLD IT OFF WITH MY STRING...

ON TOP OF REGTO'S, WILL BLOAT RUDO'S SOUL INTO A DEEPER, DARKER RED...

FOLLO'S DEATH,

HE LIT THE FIRE FOR ME. I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO HELP.

THERE'S NO SAVING FOLLO.

CLAP

ANGRY GOODBYES MAKE AN ESPECIALLY HIGH QUALITY FUEL!!

SHHH
TPPHH

NOW, ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU.

SHHHH
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THE GUILT-STRICKEN, BURNING EXECU-TIONER...

...DANCING IN THE FLAMES!!

WHAT INDEED !!!

WHAT THE?!

WHIRL

Z-ZSH

CRUNCH

STOKED

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...HM?

WHAT.

STOKED

...HAVE HIS MOMENT OF GLORY.

AT LEAST LET THIS GUY...

PLEASE ...

SFF

YANK

HEY.

WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE.

THEY'RE NOT TELLING THE TRUTH.

WHEN PEOPLE MAKE THAT FACE,

I KNOW THAT LOOK.

IF YOU'RE GONNA BLOW UP AT PEOPLE, THEN DO IT!! GO ALL THE WAY!!

I'M STILL PISSED OFF AT YOU.

YOU DON'T GET TO DECIDE THAT THIS IS OVER.

...STOP ACTING LIKE YOU'VE GIVEN UP.

WHAT DOES YOUR HEART WANT?!!

TO-DO LIST

GO BACK TO THE SPHERE

FIND THE KILLER

DON'T FORGET YOUR RAGE.

DON'T GET MY FRIENDS HURT.

GET STRONGER

THANK THE CLEANERS FOR THEIR HELP.

I WAS JEALOUS...

YOU ALWAYS LOOK AWESOME.

EVERYTHING YOU DO...

I WANT TO BE ONE OF THE COOL GUYS...!!

I WANTED TO PROVE THAT...EVEN SOMEONE LIKE ME COULD BE MORE THAN JUST PART OF THE FACELESS MOB...

I...

I DON'T WANT IT TO END HERE!!!

FOLLO!

GET UP!!

GRIMP

YOU AREN'T DONE YET!!!

I WAS EXPECTING RUDO TO GO BERSERK.

THAT'S STRANGE.

...ARE THERE TWO OF THEM STANDING THERE?

SO WHY...

NO...

HE DIDN'T.

IN FOLLO'S HAND... RUDO MUST HAVE USED HIS POWERS TO...

CHAPTER 127: EXPLOSION REPRISE

I SAID SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS TO YOU.

RUDO... I...

...AND MADE ME INTO THE GUY I WANT TO BE...

IF YOU'RE GONNA BLOW UP AT PEOPLE, THEN DO IT!! GO ALL THE WAY!!

YOU CONFRONTED ME HEAD-ON...

GET LOST.

BUT YOU...

THANK YOU!

NOW I CAN FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE!!

...!

ALL I DID WAS BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD DO IT.

I DIDN'T DO A DAMN THING.

IT WAS YOUR PASSION THAT MADE YOU A GIVER, FOLLO.

DON'T APOLOGIZE NOW!

...YEAH... I'M REALLY SORRY.

BUT THIS DOESN'T MEAN I FORGIVE YOU, OKAY?

WE CAN TALK AFTER WE KICK THAT BEAST'S TRASH.

...YEAH, I HEAR THAT!

...

BUT ALL THAT BLOOD. I THINK HE'S SERIOUSLY INJURED...

THAT HAMMER. NO WAY... FOLLO DID IT? HE'S A GIVER?!

YOU CONFRONTED ME HEAD ON...

...AND MADE ME INTO THE GUY I WANT TO BE...

IT CAN'T BE.

DID RUDO'S WORDS AND ACTIONS ACTUALLY GIVE FOLLO STRENGTH?

THANK YOU!

WOUNDED HEAD, ABDOMEN, ETC.

ANYONE CAN SEE THAT IT IS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE TO BATTLE WITH A GIANT HAMMER IN THAT CONDITION.

IF RUDO DIDN'T "DO A DAMN THING," HOW IS HE MOVING?

EW, THAT IS SO NOT WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!!

THE POWER OF FRIEND-SHIP?

...

ZWOOARRR

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HERE COMES A BIG ONE!!

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FLASH

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...WORKED AS A SHIELD?

THE HAMMER...

I LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE WORRYING ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK.

I DIDN'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THAT GUY...

...SO I HELD IT IN, I LET IT BUILD, I SMOTHERED MY REAL FEELINGS.

I KEPT MAKING EXCUSES, AND LET MYSELF THINK I HAD SMOOTHED EVERYTHING OVER, NICE AND PRETTY.

I WAS ONLY USING THAT GUY AS AN EXCUSE...

PSHH

...TO KEEP RUNNING AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT MIGHT GET ME DIRTY.

I AM SUCH AN IDIOT.

BUT...

TEP AAA TEP TEP

I'M DONE.

I WON'T RUN ANYMORE.

I WILL OUTDO MYSELF !!!

I SWEAR...

A VITAL INSTRUMENT'S POWER IS BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND IDEOLOGY.

...YOU'LL NEED TO CONFRONT BOTH YOUR OBJECT AND YOUR SELF.

SO IF YOU WANT TO BE A GIVER...

THIS HAMMER HAS SEEN ALL OUR WEAKNESS– HIS AND MINE.

...HOW TO USE YOU...!!

THAT'S HOW I KNOW...

ZHRRRM

HOLD IT ALL IN.

LET IT BUILD.

HOLD IN THE STRESS.

AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...!!

WHOOSH

IF YOU'RE GONNA BLOW UP AT PEOPLE, 'THEN DO IT!! GO ALL THE WAY!!

WHOOSH

I'M GOING ON AHEAD, ALAN.

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KHEEEEEEEEEEN

BOOM

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CHAPTER 128: FOLLO REPRISE

ON IT!

WHILE I'M DOING FIRST AID, YOU LOOK AROUND TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO OTHER TRASH BEASTS AND EVERYONE'S SAFE.

WE NEED TO GET HIM TO EISHIA, ASAP!!

HE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD ...!!

PAT PAT

FOLLO ...

YOU DID GOOD ...!!

TEP TEP

RUDO ...

FOR YOU... AND FOR EVERYONE...

I MADE A MESS...

...IF IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO BE HAPPY RIGHT NOW...

SO I DON'T KNOW...

YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GET US OR ANY OF THE VILLAGERS CAUGHT IN THE EXPLO-SION.

SO YOU TOOK THE FIGHT FARTHER AWAY.

...FOLLO, WHAT YOU DID BACK THERE...

BUT YOU STILL PAID ATTENTION TO EVERY-BODY ELSE.

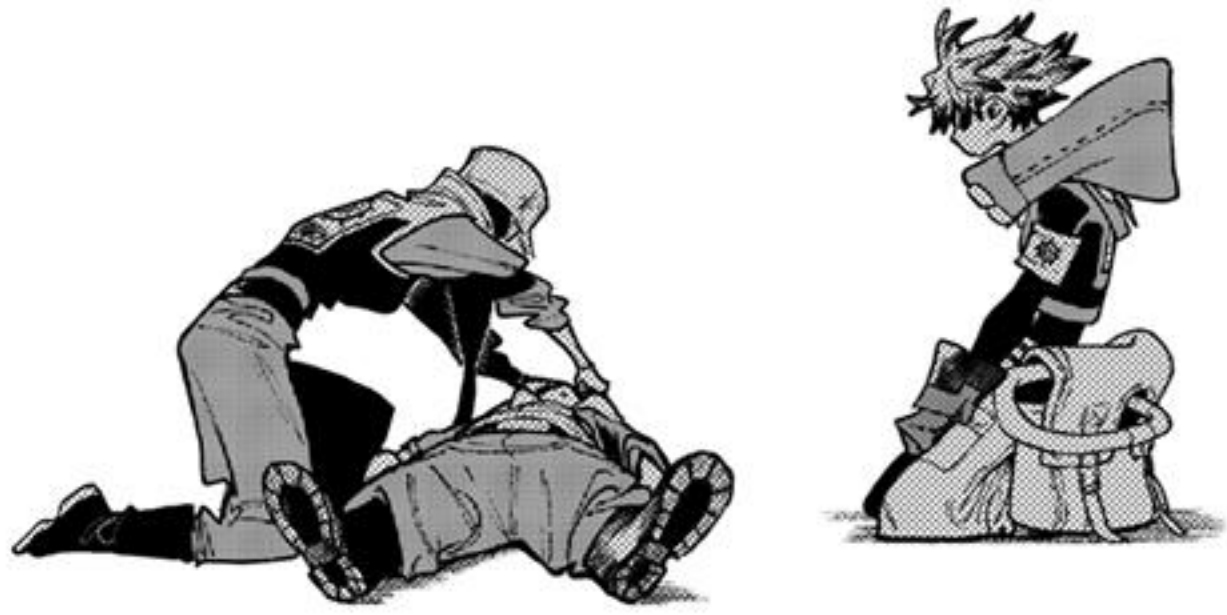
YOU JUST BECAME A GIVER– IT SHOULD HAVE DRAINED ALL OF YOUR ENERGY.

YOU WERE PRACTI-CALLY FALLING APART.

"PEOPLE CAN'T IGNORE..."

"...THOSE WHO ARE PUTTING UP A FIGHT."

YOU WERE AWESOME.



I'M STILL NO GOOD AT SEEING LITTLE DETAILS OR HOW PEOPLE FEEL.

SO FROM NOW ON... BEFORE YOU EXPLODE, YOU BETTER... I HOPE YOU'LL SPEAK UP.

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HEE HEE...

THANKS, RUDO ...!!

I WILL ...!!

I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER TRASH BEASTS, EITHER! LOOKS LIKE IT WAS JUST THE ONE THIS TIME!

NO PROB-LEMS HERE!

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...

TOMME, YOU DRIVE AND RECORD THE MISSION.

YOU GUYS GO ON BACK TO HQ, AND GET FOLLO TO EISHIA.

I'LL GET FOLLO SETTLED IN THE CAR.

THANKS FOR HANDLING THE REST.

THE RECORD'S ALREADY DONE.

THEN I'LL REPAIR THE VILLAGE ENTRANCE, TELL THE VILLAGERS WHAT HAPPENED, AND DO SOME TRASH-BEAST-PROOFING.

...

YOU DID A GREAT JOB!!

WHOOSH

GUYS, I MEAN THIS!

RUDO.

WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR POWERS AGAIN?

YEAH, ABOUT THAT. THERE'S A LITTLE THING THAT BOTHERS ME.

I WAS REALLY SWEATING WHEN YOU STARTED FIGHTING, BUT THEN FOLLO MANAGED TO AWAKEN AS A GIVER, AND...

BUT YOU NEVER DID, AND I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHY.

YOU STILL COULD HAVE CHANGED ONE MORE OBJECT INTO A WEAPON, RIGHT?

HUH?

!

I'M NOT TRYING TO ACCUSE YOU...

I MEAN.

...

I KNOW I GAVE YOU SOME ADVICE ALONG THE LINES OF "THERE MIGHT BE A TRASH BEAST LURKING SOMEWHERE, SO BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHEN YOU USE YOUR LAST OBJECT."

BUT IT WAS GETTING PRETTY DICEY BACK THERE. WOULDN'T THAT HAVE BEEN A GOOD TIME?

I TRIED.

...

...

MY NOSE STARTED BLEEDING, LIKE WHEN I USE MY POWERS A FOURTH TIME...

ANY-WAY.

WAIT... DOES THAT MEAN YOUR THIRD USE WAS ON...

WHEN YOU TURN OFF YOUR POWERS, THE OBJECTS YOU USED DISINTEGRATE, RIGHT?

BUT I COULDN'T.

DRAAAAIN

SEMIU!!! WE CAN HAVE SEMIU TAKE A LOOK!!!

AM I... GOING TO DISINTE-GRATE...?

I SAID I DIDN'T USE THEM !!!!

RUDO!!! WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T TURN OFF YOUR POWERS!!!

I DIDN'T USE THEM!!! I DIDN'T USE MY POWERS ON FOLLO!!!

HE'S FINE.

RUDO DID NOT WEAPONIZE FOLLO.

WHAT A RELIEF...

I BELIEVE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH FOLLO BECOMING A GIVER.

THEN WHY COULDN'T RUDO USE HIS POWERS...?

I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE...

KNOWING RUDO, HE MIGHT HAVE DONE IT UNDER PRESSURE.

I TOLD YOU! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

THAT MAY BE MORE ACCURATE.

"RUDO WAS THE TRIGGER THAT ACTIVATED FOLLO'S TRANSFORMATION INTO A GIVER."

...OR RATHER

HUH?

BUT WHEN I LOOKED AT FOLLO, I SAW TRACES OF RUDO'S ANIMA AT THE SOURCE OF HIS ANIMA FLOW.

TO BE PRECISE, HUMANS' ANIMA ENERGY AWAKENS THE OBJECT.

HUMANS GIVE VITAL ENERGY TO OBJECTS. THAT'S WHERE WE GET THE NAME GIVER.

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HE HAD ONE LAST CHANCE TO WEAPONIZE AN OBJECT.
...MEAN-ING?
WELL, BASICALLY...
AND HE USED IT TO HELP IN FOLLO'S AWAKENING.
...IS WHAT I'M ASSUMING HAPPENED...
?!
YOU AREN'T DONE YET !!!
SIZZ
SIZZ
SIZZ
NO, THAT'S NOT IT! FOLLO WASN'T WEAPONIZED, HE–
AARRGH!! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY IT!!
RUDOOOO!!! WHATEVER YOU DO!!! DO NOT TURN OFF YOUR POWERS!!!
HUH...? DOES THAT MEAN I AM GONNA DISIN-TEGRATE...?

IT'S JUST THE CATALYST.

THE CATALYST CAME FROM RUDO'S ANIMA ENERGY... THAT'S ALL...

IN OTHER WORDS! FOLLO ALREADY HAD THE FOUNDATION TO BECOME A GIVER!

YOU DID REALLY BECOME A GIVER!

FOLLO GETS ALL OF HIS POWERS FROM BEING FOLLO!

GRIS ?

BUT DOESN'T EISHIA DO THAT?

A HUMAN SENDING ANIMA TO ANOTHER HUMAN...

SIGH... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT...

THUD

!

HUMANS PRETTY MUCH ONLY TRANSMIT THEIR ANIMA WHEN CREATING A VITAL INSTRUMENT...

SHE'S NOT ACTUALLY SENDING HER ANIMA INTO ANYONE.

EISHIA'S POWER IS TO CONVERT ELECTRICITY INTO LIFE FORCE THROUGH HER VITAL INSTRUMENT.

YOU SCARED ME...

WHOA!

BOSS!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE...

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...

YOU USED YOUR POWERS WITH YOUR GLOVES STILL ON...?

...FOLLO... YOU...

THAT'S RIGHT... I DID...

UH... ERR, YES, SIR...

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I WONDER WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT...

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...

...I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.

GOOD WORK EVERY-ONE.

THE BOSS... DOES HE... KNOW SOMETHING...?

BEEEEEEP

HIS CONDI-TION WILL...

FOLLOOOOO!!

I MEAN...

I BETTER GET TO HEALING FOLLO SOON, OR...

UM...!!

!!

CAN I ASK...

EISHIA...

IT WAS ALL MY FAULT.

I GOT HURT, AND I MADE A MESS OF THE MISSION.

SO...

YEAH, I'M SURE.

YOU WANTED ME TO LEAVE ALL THE SCARS...?

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

THESE SCARS WILL MAKE SURE I NEVER FORGET.

I WANT TO REMEMBER MY FAILURE,

AND HOW HAPPY I AM TO BE A GIVER.

...RUDO.

BUT IT'S THANKS TO YOUR POWERS THAT I MANAGED TO BECOME A GIVER, RIGHT?

I DON'T REALLY GET HOW IT WORKS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF POWER IT WAS.

BUT NOW I CAN FINALLY MOVE FORWARD.

IF YOU EVER NEED ANY HELP...

I WILL NEVER FORGET HOW MUCH I OWE YOU.

...I SWEAR, I WILL BE THERE FOR YOU.

LET'S BE FRIENDS!

...

HA-WHA ...?

MAKE FRIENDS

TO-DO LIST

CHAPTER 129: JOINING THE TEAM

THUS, RUDO AND FOLLO...

...BECAME FRIENDS.

THEY WERE CELEBRATED BY ALL...

...AND RUDO'S FIRST JOB ENDED IN PERFECT HARMONY.

I COULD WORK WITH THAT.

THAT'S WHY I WENT ON THIS JOB.

I WANTED TO FIND A CATALYST TO GET RUDO BACK TO HIS ORIGINAL ROLE.

AFTER ALL...

I'LL GO GET HIM SOMETHING TO EAT.

BUT MAYBE IT WILL WORK OUT BETTER TO LET HIM LIVE LIKE A HUMAN BEING FOR A WHILE LONGER.

PTAM

THE HIGHER HE FLIES...

...

...THE MORE IT WILL HURT WHEN HE FALLS.

WHAT??

RUDO HELPED FOLLO TURN INTO A GIVER??

I UNDERSTAND THESE TWO HAD A FIGHT IN FRONT OF A TRASH BEAST.

...

DAMMIT, RUDO. I TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU FOR TWO SECONDS AND YOU CHURN OUT MORE MYSTERIES...

SIIIGH...

APPARENTLY HE'S OKAY, BECAUSE RUDO DIDN'T TURN HIM INTO A WEAPON.

UHHH, OKAY?!!

...SO IS FOLLO GONNA DISINTE-GRATE...?

WOW!!! YOU GUYS ARE SUCH BABIES!!!

I'M ACTUALLY SURPRISED YOU SURVIVED! THAT'S AWESOME!!!

YOU HAD A FIGHT?! WITH A TRASH BEAST RIGHT THERE??! BWA HA HA!!!

...

SO WHAT'D YOU FIGHT ABOUT?!!

I'M PRETTY P.O.-ED ABOUT THAT MYSELF.

BABIES.

I...DIDN'T LIKE HIS ATTITUDE...

BABIIIES!!!!

WHEN?

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...

WAS MY ATTI-TUDE...

...REALLY THAT BAD...?

YOU WERE INJURED, SO WHAT I MEANT WAS STAY THERE AND REST...

NO, BUT...

I PICKED UP ON THAT MEANING, BUT I GUESS IT WAS LOST ON SOME PEOPLE...

BUT YOU TOLD ME TO STAND BACK. IT HURT MY FEELINGS...

...I WANTED TO FIGHT, TOO.

I WAS ONLY LOOKING AT YOU BECAUSE I WAS SO IMPRESSED AT HOW YOU SUPPORTERS KNOW JUST WHAT THE PEOPLE NEED.

...

BUT THE WAY YOU LOOKED AT ME AFTER I TALKED TO THE VILLAGERS... THAT HURT...

...THIS WAS MY FAULT FOR LETTING MY SENSE OF INFERIORITY AFFECT MY ATTITUDE.

...THINKING BACK, I REALIZE IT WAS UNFAIR OF ME TO IMPOSE.

HON-ESTLY, IT PISSED ME OFF.

NO THANK YOU.

BUT WHEN YOU REJECTED THE NEW UNIFORM I GAVE YOU LIKE THAT...

THAT'S ALL I MEANT WHEN I SAID NO THANK YOU...

I JUST DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR ME.

I'M NOT PSYCHIC !!!

THE CLASSIC MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GUY WHO CAN'T COMMUNICATE AND THE COMPULSIVE PEOPLE PLEASER! THIS IS AWESOME!!

WANNA PHOTO-GRAPH THIS FOR POSTER-ITY?!

YOU GUYS...

UH...I'M SORRY...

I DON'T KNOW THESE THINGS!!

ULTIMATELY, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID ALL THAT STUFF TO YOU.

NO, IT'S FINE, RUDO.

BEING A HUMAN IS HARD...

SO I'M SURE YOU CAN SAVE PEOPLE WITH THE THINGS YOU DO SAY...

YOU DON'T ALWAYS USE ENOUGH WORDS, BUT YOU'RE SINCERE.

I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO LIVE YOUR WHOLE LIFE WORRYING ABOUT EVERY MEMBER OF THE FACELESS MOB.

BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY. I...

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU HAVE TO FIND THE BALANCE.

AND YOUR POWERS, TOO, RUDO.

BUT WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE IT ALL OUT WHILE WE'RE ANALYZING FOLLO'S POWERS.

AND SO!

ANYWAY, FOLLO'S A GIVER NOW.

THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT THIS THAT MAKE ME NERVOUS.

YOU WANNA JOIN AKUTA?

FOLLO.

YOU'RE ON AKUTA, STUPID.

WHAT TEAM AM I ON?

...

?

...

AS YOU KNOW,

FOR THE CLEANERS TO MORE EASILY MANAGE AND ORGANIZE THE GIVERS, WE NEED THEM TO JOIN A TEAM.

AKUTA IS THE GROUP I'M IN CHARGE OF.

IT'S GOT RUDO, RIYO, ZANKA, EISHIA, AND SHIKAGE.

ALSO,

THERE ARE THE TEAMS BEAUTY, CHILD, DANGER, EAGER...

AND SEMIU'S TEAM, WHICH ANSWERS DIRECTLY TO THE BOSS, FRONT.

SORRY!

THESE SIX TEAMS ARE THE CLEANERS'–

EVEN IF I GOT TO BE A GIVER...

I DECIDED A LONG TIME AGO...THAT I WOULD ALWAYS STAY A SUPPORTER...

I WANTED TO SHOW EVERYBODY WHO TALKED SMACK ABOUT SUPPORTERS THAT THEY'RE WRONG.

THAT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED.

SO...

I'D LIKE TO STAY WITH THE SUPPORT...

JUST FOR YOU?

I'VE ALREADY HAD IT MADE.

AND YOU DON'T WANT IT??

YOU DON'T WANT A GIVER UNIFORM...?

I'M SO WEAK ...!!

I—!

AWESOME!!

WHOA!

TEE HEE!!!

I'D BEEN CONSIDERING THE DESIGN FROM THE MOMENT I HEARD HE WANTED TO BE A GIVER!

AUGUST, WHEN DID YOU MAKE THAT?!

AHEM.

AND, BY THE WAY, THIS FINE ENSEMBLE...

...OF THE CLEANER UNIFORM UPDATE!

...REPRE-SENTS ROUND TWO...

...

EX-CUSE ME ?!!

RUDO

IT LOOKS EXACT-LY THE SAME.

THE BASE HAS REMAINED THE SAME, BUT I HAVE ALTERED THE DESIGN ON CERTAIN DETAILS.

RUDO

UPDATE? THE UNIFORMS ARE DIFFERENT ?!

IF YOU CAN'T BE HONEST WITH US NOW, WHEN WILL YOU BE?

YOUR WISH HAS FINALLY COME TRUE.

BUT REALLY, I...

...I APPRE-CIATE THIS...

FOLLO.

THAT MEANS YOU CAN COVER ALL THE BASES...!!

BESIDES, YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW GIVERS WHO HAS EXPERIENCE AS A SUPPORTER.

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE YOU.

WHETHER YOU'RE A SUPPORTER OR A GIVER,

FOLLO!

SERIOUSLY, CONGRATS!

WE'LL STILL BE COUNTING ON YOU.

PAT

LET'S TAKE A PHOTO FOR POSTERITY!
COME ON, ANYBODY GOT A CAMERA?
I HAVE ONE.
WHOA, DON'T CRY! THIS IS A HAPPY EVENT!
GRIS... GRIS ...!
FLUMP
GRIS...!
TOMME IS A CAREER WOMAN WHO JUST CASUALLY DOES EVERYTHING FLAWLESSLY.
BECAUSE I'M SURROUNDED BY RECKLESS DAREDEVILS.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO PREPARED, TOMME.
OF COURSE!
MY JOB IS TO GATHER EVERY LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION I CAN ABOUT THE TRASH BEASTS.
YOU KNOW RECORD KEEPING IS AN IMPORTANT CLEANER RESPONSIBILITY.
SHE KEPT PERFECT RECORDS OF EVERYTHING.
EVEN DURING THIS LAST HARROWING JOB,
WHAT.
SORRY... I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST STANDING AROUND...

OH...

SO THIS IS HOW HE WAS USING THE CLEANERS TO GATHER INFORMATION.

THE CLEANERS ...

...WERE FORMED TO SOLVE THE MYSTERIES OF OUR WORLD!

!

INFOR-MA-TION...

DURING THE FIGHT...

...TAMSY DIDN'T SEEM WILLING TO HELP AT ALL...

RUDO DEFINITELY THOUGHT I WAS JUST STANDING AROUND.

...

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TMP

AMO WILL TAKE THE PICTURE.

I'LL TAKE THE PIC-TURE.

AWW...

WHAT!!

NO, GET IN HERE, TOMME !!!

OKAY, SAY CHEESE!

BUT MAYBE I IMAGINED IT...

THOSE CLOTHES...

WHAT ?!

...

A... MO ...?

NO... IT CAN'T BE...!!

SO I FIXED IT UP FOR HER.

HER HAIR.

RIYO...

SHE SAID SHE WANTS TO MAKE AMENDS.

FSHHH

AMO DECIDED TO JOIN THE CLEANERS.

FOR CLEANER UNIFORM UPDATE ROUND ONE!!!

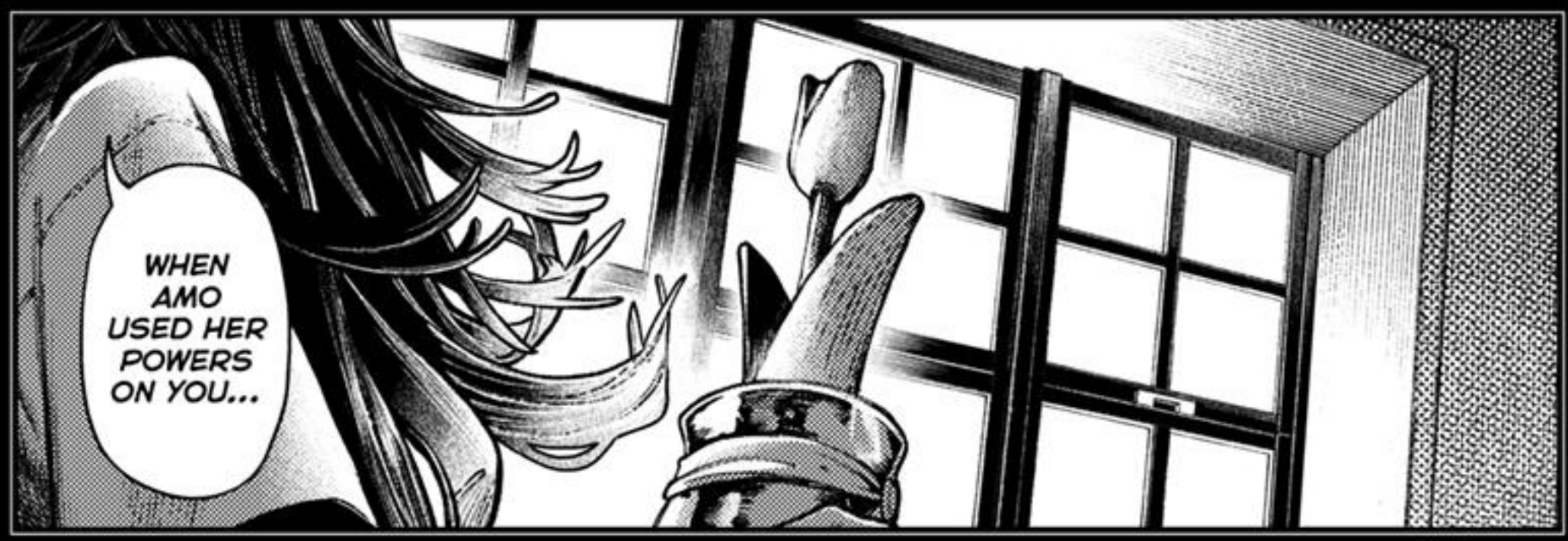
SHE IS MY MODEL!

THAT'S RIGHT !!

...

NEW MEMBER OF CLEANER TEAM FRONT.

FROM NOW ON, AMO EMPOOL WILL BE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES, TO HEAL YOUR WEARY HEARTS!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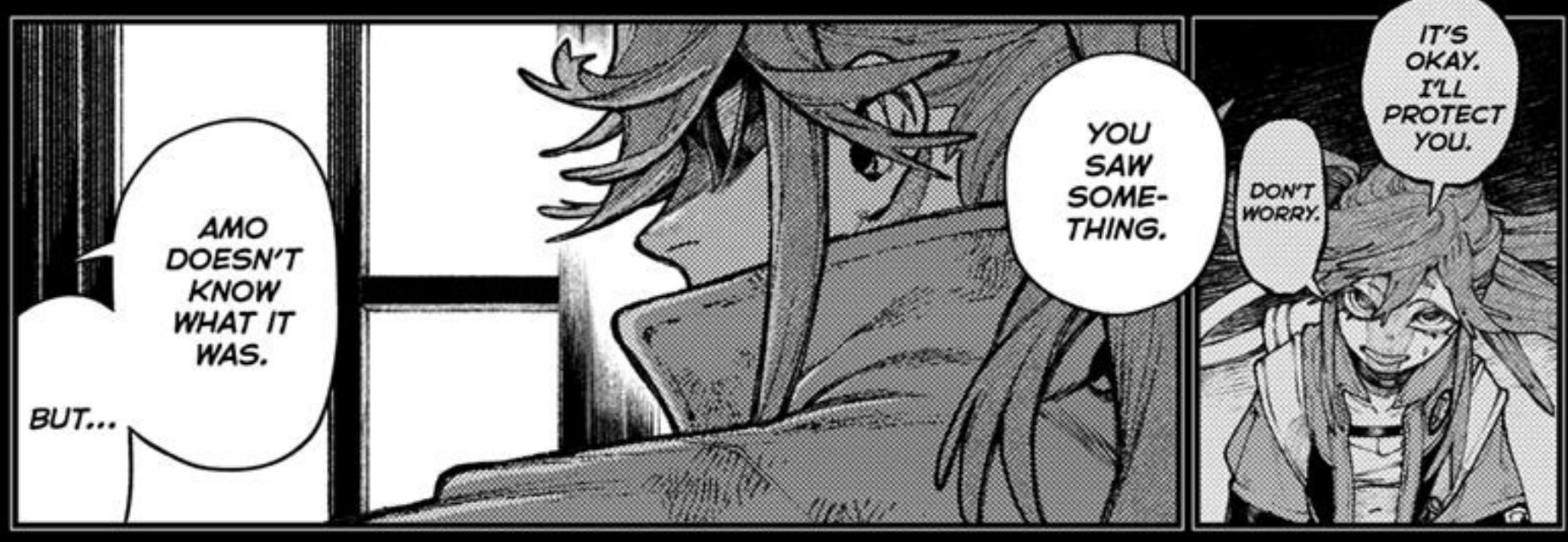
AMO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS.
BUT...
YOU SAW SOME-THING.
DON'T WORRY.
IT'S OKAY. I'LL PROTECT YOU.

AMO WANTS TO CHANGE NOW.
CHAPTER 130: PREPARATION

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HEAL HEARTS...

HEARTS.

HEAL...

THAT HEALS HEARTS...?

SIGHT FOR SORE EYES...

KRK KRK KRK

COME IN, THIS IS AGENT AUGUST.

THE TARGET HAS FAILED TO MAKE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN "AMO" AND "HEALER OF HEARTS."

OVER.

AND SHE'S ON TEAM FRONT?!

THEY ANSWER RIGHT TO THE BOSS!

ON WHAT PLANET DOES THIS EVER MAKE ANY–

SQUEAK

SQUEAK

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.

HOW IN THE ACTUAL HELL DID AMO END UP JOINING THE CLEANERS?

RUDO, NECKS DON'T BEND THAT WAY!!!

BWAH

CRUSH

UNCLE CORVUS TOLD ME.

!! GASP

EH? OOOD

HE SAID THAT "AMO'S POWERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO HEAL PEOPLE."

AAAAAHH

BUT THAT ABILITY IS STILL IMPERFECT.

SO...

AMO WANTS TO JOIN THE CLEANERS TO MAKE IT STRONGER,

BY EXPERIENCING HAPPINESS AND FEAR AND ALL KINDS OF OTHER SCENTS AND FEELINGS.

...DON'T YOU THINK IT'S SAFER TO KEEP THE PIECES CLOSE?

BESIDES, IF THE RAIDERS ARE PLOTTING TO DO SOMETHING WITH THE WATCHMAN SERIES...

I LOOKED HER OVER AND I DIDN'T SEE ANY HOSTILITY.

DON'T WORRY, ENJIN.

...

THEY'RE ALSO THE KEY TO GOING TO THE SPHERE.

DOES THAT MEAN YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND, BOSS?

YOU SPECIFICALLY PUT AMO IN FRONT.

SO SHE'LL DO HER BEST, OKAY?

RUDO.

AMO WANTS TO BE ABLE TO HELP YOU NOW.

SIGH ...

IF YOU SAY SO, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TRUST YOU...

MY EYES ARE NEVER WRONG.

YUP.

YEAH, YEAH, I GET IT. ALL HAIL THE NONPRE-SCRIPTION GLASSES.

...YEAH ...!!

YOU'RE EXPOSING LESS SKIN, SO IT'S A LITTLE EASIER TO LOOK AT YOU.

IT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD, AMO.

HEY, THAT OUTFIT AUGUST MADE FOR YOU.

BUT OUT OF RESPECT FOR RUDO, SHE WILL MAKE SURE TO NEVER HATE YOU.

...AMO WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO LIKE YOU.

HELLO? IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WHO'S WILLING TO BE THIS LITTLE BRAT'S TRAINER?!

IS THIS REALLY A GOOD IDEA?

UH... YEAH...

I KNOW SHE'S IN FRONT, BUT IF SHE'S GONNA BE GOING OUT MORE, IT SHOULD BE OKAY FOR A MEMBER OF AKUTA TO TRAIN HER, RIGHT?

OOHH, THANK YOU!

I CAN DO IT. I'LL BE AMO'S TRAINER.

WHAT.

AND AMO JOINED THE CLEANERS TO GET STRONGER, TOO.

FOLLO GOT HIS WISH– HE'S A GIVER NOW.

NOW IT'S MY TURN...!!

I'LL GO TO DOLL FEST AND FIND THE CLUE TO THE WATCHMAN SERIES THAT KURO TOLD ME ABOUT.

OH YEAH ...

DID YOU EVER MANAGE TO REMEMBER WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE...?!

THE JERKWAD THAT CAPTURED YOU.

...TO TRY TO REMEM-BER...

WHEN-EVER AMO CLOSES HER EYES...

...

IT'S WEIRD... LIKE...

IT FEELS LIKE THOSE SQUIGGLES ARE HIDING THEM...

LIKE SOMEONE TOOK A PEN AND SCRIBBLED ALL OVER IT...

BUT UNCLE CORVUS SAYS THAT IF AMO STAYS IN THE CLEANERS, SOMETHING WILL TRIGGER HER MEMORIES...

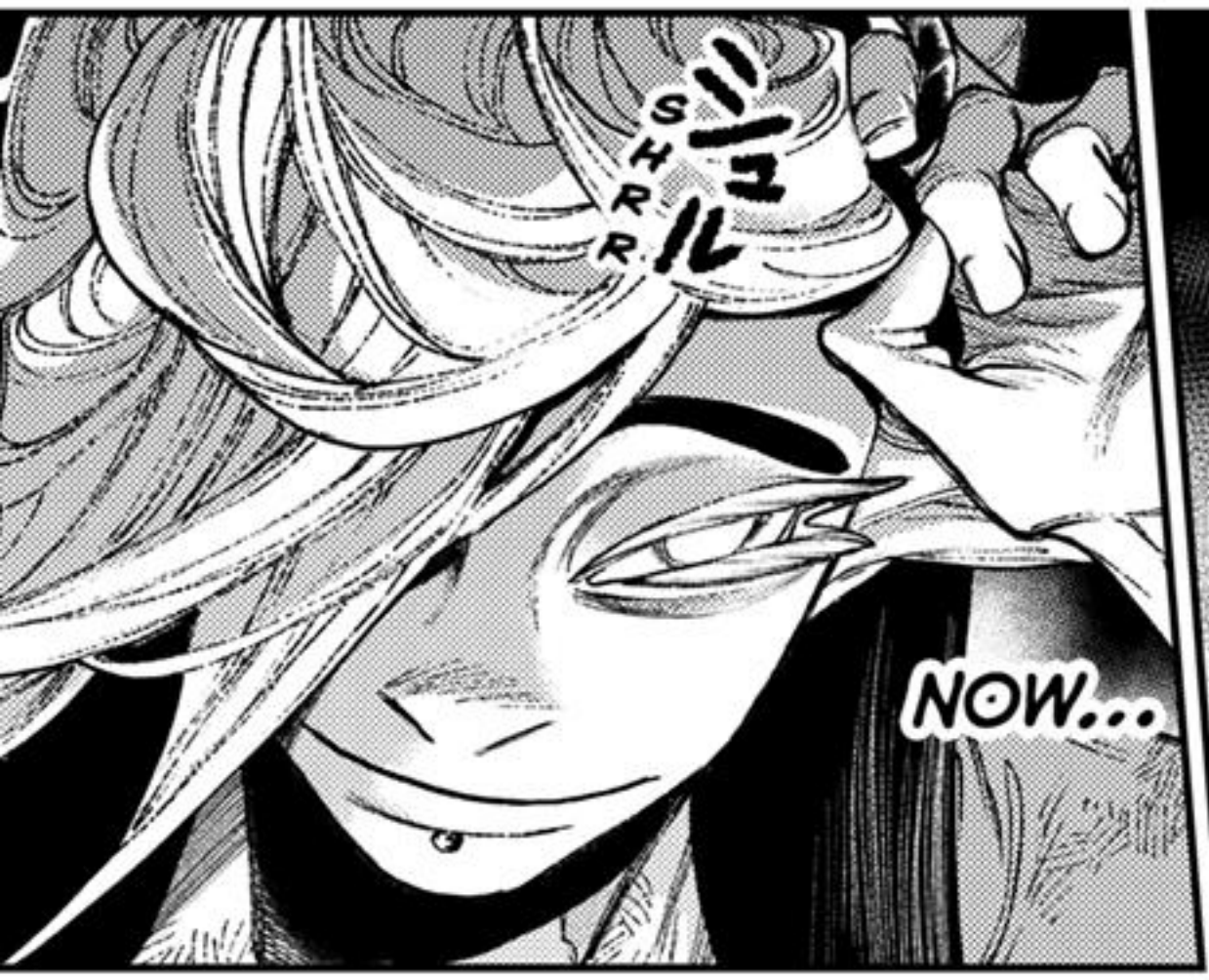
HE TALKS LIKE A SHADY SALESMAN.

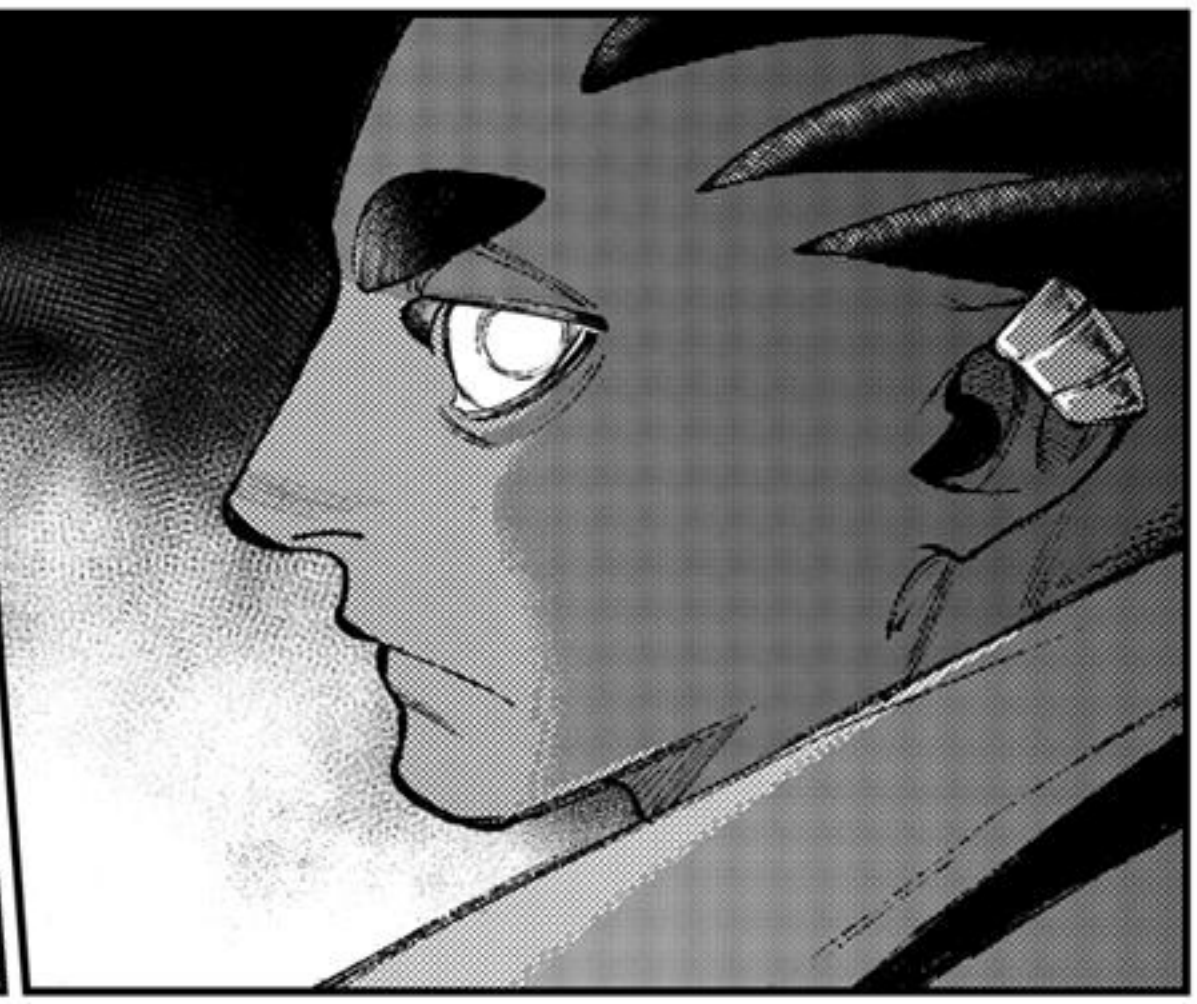
...IT LOOKS LIKE I AM GOING TO NEED SOME KIND OF CATALYST.

IF I'M GOING TO GET RUDO BACK TO HIS ORIGINAL ROLE...

BECAUSE THAT HELPED ME COME UP WITH A BRILLIANT IDEA.

I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO JOIN HIM ON THAT JOB.





IT'S TIME TO PREPARE THE SACRIFICE.

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WHOA...

ZHOOOOM

HE TOOK OUT THAT TRASH BEAST ALL BY HIMSELF...

IT AIN'T ENOUGH...

YOU HAVE A VERY REAL CHANCE OF REACHING THE GOLDEN THRONE.

I GOTTA DO BETTER ...!

MAYBE I COULD HAVE HAD MORE FUN IF I'D FOUGHT A DIFFERENT CLEANER.

IT AIN'T ENOUGH.

HYO.

TSK.

...DON'T YOU THINK YOU OUGHT TO SLOW DOWN AND REST, ZANKA?

WHO

OOOOSH

BUT IF YOU'RE TOO EAGER AND PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, EVENTUALLY YOU'LL BREAK.

I MEAN, YOU'RE DOING SOME BRILLIANT WORK HERE.

OR A CHUMP LIKE ME'LL NEVER SURPASS NOBODY.

I GOTTA PUSH MYSELF HARDER THAN EVERY-BODY.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, DEAR?

MRRGH...

I AIN'T GONE FAR ENOUGH TO STOP YET.

I JOINED THE CLEANERS SO'S I COULD GET STRONGER.

WE'RE NOT GOING.

BUT WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE DOLL FEST FOR A NICE CHANGE OF PACE?

...

YOU NEED TO RELAX, ZANKA.

RHM

RHM

PATTER

THE WIND! YOU'RE BLOWIN' PAPERS EVERY-WHERE!

PATTER

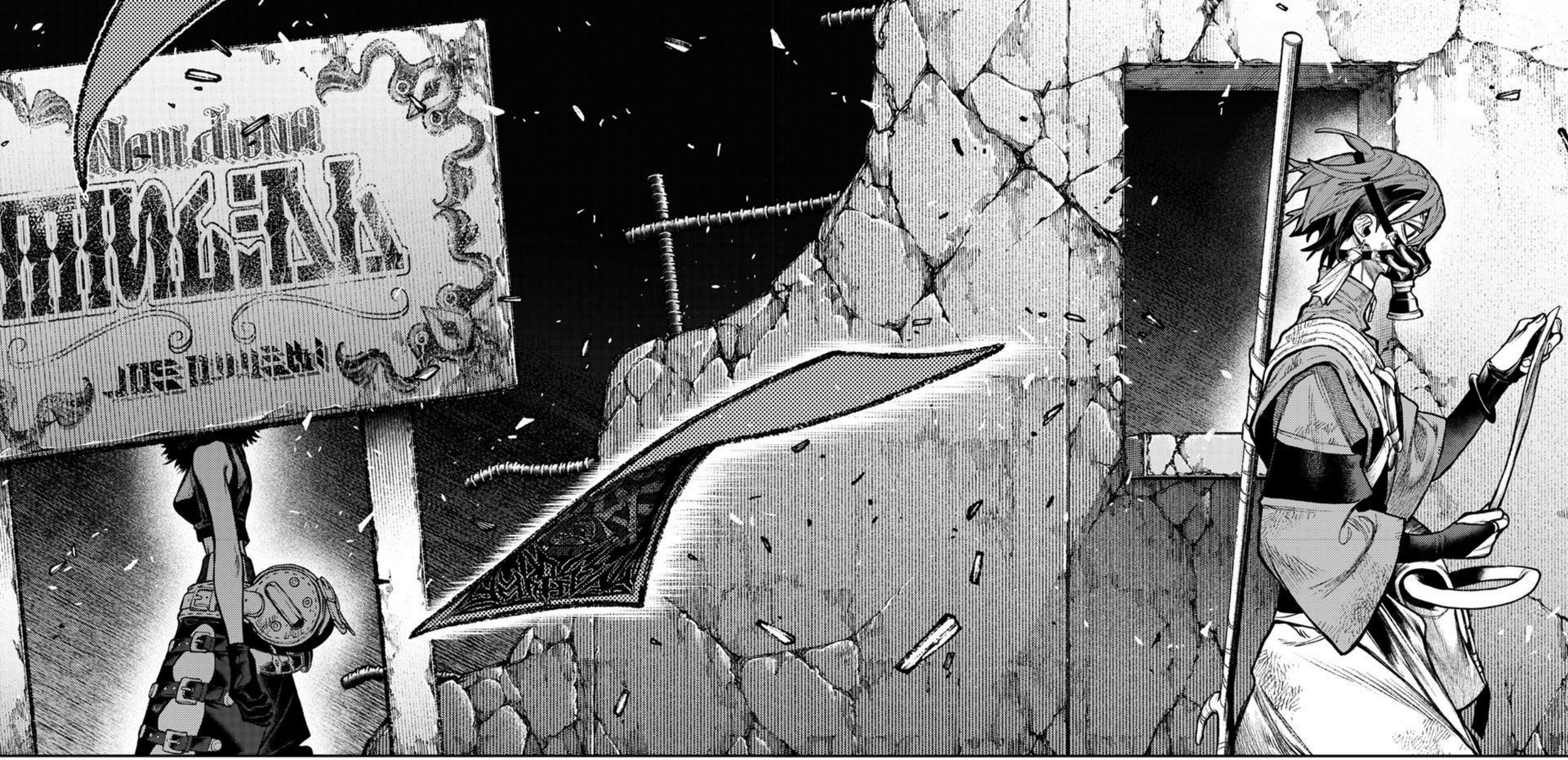
I HEARD ENJIN'S GOING.

I AIN'T GOT TIME FOR THAT RIDICU-LOUS-NESS.

WHEN ENJIN'S INVOLVED, HE'S A PUSH-OVER.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT. YOU GO HAVE FUN WITH EVERYBODY.

BUT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO BEHOLD ALL SORTS OF VARIOUS VITAL INSTRUMENTS!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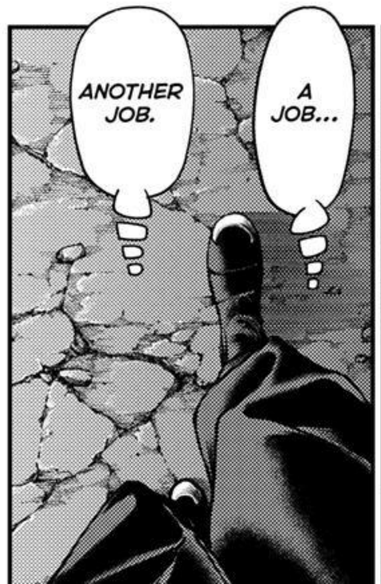
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